

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD
BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of October 25, 2023

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order on October 25, 2023 at 5:30 P.M. Commissioners: Rosa Espinosa, Andrew Cade, John Ramirez, Peter Sygnator, Maria D'Angelantonio, Attorney Maurice Powe Esq, being present. The meeting was held Virtual Public Hearing (ZOOM). To view Public Hearing .CH 17 on Springfield's Comcast
<http://focusspringfield.com/watch/government>.

FIRST order of business –Approval of Minutes:

Approval of Minutes for Springfield Board of License Commissioners Hearing held on Wednesday, October 11, 2023.

After discussion:

Commissioner Espinosa motioned to approve. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cade, with unanimous vote to approve.

SECOND order of business: New Petitions

Petition for a New Farmery Winery License (Indoors) for Home Fruit Wine located at 220 Trafton St; Lori Perkins, Manager of Record.

Licensing appeared Pro Se.

After discussion

Commissioner Espinosa motioned to approve. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sygnator, with unanimous vote to approve.

THIRD order of business:

Petition for a New Annual All Alcohol G.O.P License for 3 Keys Cahoots LLC d/b/a Loophole Brewing located at 51-59 Taylor St; Jeffrey Goulet, Manager of Record.

Licensing appeared Pro Se.

After discussion

Commissioner Espinosa motioned to approve. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sygnator, with unanimous vote to approve.

FOURTH order of business:

Petition for a Change of Ownership Interest (LLC members/LLP Partners, Trustees), for Springfield Wine Exchange LLC located at 1500 Main St, Suite 170; Jerome Francis Shanahan, Manager of Record.

Attorney Andrew Upton appeared on behalf of Licensee.

After discussion

Commissioner Sygnator motioned to approve. Motion seconded by Commissioner D'Angelantonio, with unanimous vote to approve.

FIFTH order of business:

Petition for a Transfer of License for Tony's Pizza and Grinders Inc. d/b/a Tony's Pizza & Restaurant located at 108 Boston Rd; Aniello, Gisolfi, Manager of Record.

Attorney Stephen Sobey appeared on behalf of Licensee.

After discussion

Commissioner Espinosa motioned to approve. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sygnator, with unanimous vote to approve.

SIXTH order of business: Final Hearings

Le Souk Hookah d/b/a Le Souk Hookah located at 1 Worthington Street; Genesis Pujol, Manager of Record; Incident of 9-3-23. (1) Violation of City of Springfield Rules and Regulations Section 2.06 Subsection D (Employee not aware of regulation allowing police officers to enter licensed premise for inspection without a warrant); (2) Violation of security plan failure to enforce "strict dress code"; (3) Violation of security plan failure to call police in a timely manner; (4) Violation of City of Springfield Rules and Regulations Section 2.17 Subsection M failure to notify the Springfield Police Department immediately of a disturbance upon the license premises, and (5) Hindering Police Investigation (Providing misleading statements to officers).

Attorney Riley appeared on behalf of Licensee.

After discussion

Commissioner Sygnator motioned 30 days suspension, 21 days to be served Thursday through Sunday, 3 days already served on October 20, 21, 22 the remaining 21 days to be served October 26, 27, 28, 29 and November 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, 19, 23 and 24, 2023 and 9 days held in advance for one year. Motion seconded by Commissioner Ramirez, with unanimous vote to approve.

SEVENTH order of business: New Business

Discussion regarding request for Seasonal License Extension.

Attorney Rachel Fancy appeared on behalf of Licensee.

After discussion

It was agreed to continue to 11/8/2023 for further review.

EIGHTH order of business: Old Business

Ora Care Inc. d/b/a Ora Care located 878 Sumner Ave; Troy Delacruz, Manager of Record. Discussion regarding single beer sales.

Licensing did not appear

After discussion

Commissioner Espinosa motioned to continue to 11/8/2023. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sygnator, with unanimous vote to approve.

NINETH order of business: SECTION 77

Aquarius located at 1217 State St; Freddy Venegas-Status of License.

Licensing did not appear

After discussion

Commissioner Espinosa motioned to continue on 11/8/2023. With Commissioners Cade, Espinosa, Ramirez and D'Angelantonio voting in favor and Commissioner Sygnator voting against. Motion carried.

TENTH order of business:

Cozy Café located at 666 State St; Ellen Boyton, Manager of Record; Status of License.

Licensing appear Pro Se.

After discussion

Commissioner Cade motioned to continue on 1/10/2024. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sygnator, with unanimous vote to approve.

ELEVENTH order of business: ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW OF INCIDENT REPORTS

1. Merrill's Superette-Incident of 10-15-23 **Pre-Hearing Conference**
2. Top Shelf-Incident of 10-16-23 **No Action**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

**Respectfully Submitted by,
Alesia H. Days, Esq.**